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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

Claims 1-81 (Cancelled).

82 (Previously Presented). A method for the treatment of an ear disorder in a subject in need of such treatment, the method comprising the step of administering into the ear canal of the subject a pharmaceutical agent known to affect an ear disorder, the pharmaceutical agent being administered in the form of a foam or a mousse.

83 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 82, wherein the administering step is accomplished by ejecting the foam or mousse into the ear canal from a dispensing device.

84 (Currently Amended). The method according to claim 83, wherein the dispensing device <u>incudes_includes_a</u> container and a pipe that extends from the container and allows access of the foam or mousse to the ear.

85 (Currently Amended). The method according to claim $\frac{82}{7}$ 83, wherein said dispensing device is pressurized.

86 (Currently Amended). The method according to claim 82, wherein the at least one pharmaceutically active pharmaceutical agent is selected from the group consisting of

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an antibiotic agent, an antibacterial agent, an antifungal agent, a steroid agent, an analgesic agent and a mixture thereof.

87 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 82, wherein the ear disorder is acute otitis externa or otalgia.

88 (Currently Amended). The method according to claim 82, wherein the at least one pharmaceutically active pharmaceutical agent is selected from the group consisting of neomycin, polymyxin B, ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, oxytetracycline, nystatin colistin sulfate, hydrocortisone, betamethasone dexamethasone, benzocaine, amethocaine, and tetracaine.

89 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 82, wherein said administering step comprises administering the mousse or foam only once or twice a day.

90 (Previously Presented). A dispensing device for dispensing medication to the ear, comprising:

a container containing a medication formulation comprising a medication known to affect an ear disorder, in such a manner that, when the medication formulation is dispensed from the container, it is dispensed in the form of a foam or mousse; and

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a pipe that extends from the container and that allows access of the foam or mousse to the ear.

91 (Currently Amended). The dispensing device in accordance with claim 89,90, wherein the medication formulation is packed in the container under pressure.

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